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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE MEETING ON LEBANON

1. LOCAL PRESS OCTOBER 15 TAKES POSITIVE APPROACH TO SYRIAN AND PLO DECISION NOT RPT NOT ATTEND ARAB LEAGUE MEETING ON LEBANON BY EMPHASIZING THAT 17 ARAB COUNTRIES WILL TAKE PART. QADDUMI'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PLO BELIEVES DEBATE ON LEBANON IS MERE SIDE ISSUE IS REPORTED, AS IS SYRIAN STATEMENT THAT SARG WILL NOT ATTEND. LOCAL PAPERS DO NOT, HOWEVER, ATTACK SYRIA AND PLO FOR THEMSELVES FANNING FLAMES OF ARAB DISUNITY. NO COMMENT IS MADE ON THEIR DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE.

2. CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS YESTERDAY, PAPERS TODAY SAY NEITHER ALGERIA NOR LIBYA HAS RESPONDED TO ARAB LEAGUE INVITATION TO CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH INDICATIONS IS THAT ALGERIA WILL BE REPRESENTED. AKHBAR QUOTES KUWAITI FONMIN AS HAVING TOLD

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PRESS IN CAIRO THAT GOK HAS NOT RPT NOT PROPOSED FORMATION OF

AN ARAB "FORCE" TO ENSURE LEBANESE CEASEFIRE, AND THAT KUWAIT
WILL OFFICIALLY OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO RAISE QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN
PRESENCE IN LEBANON DURING THE EMERGENCY SESSION. TAQLA IS ALSO
QUOTED AS HAVING TOLD CAIRO PRESS CORPS THAT LEBANON IS UNAWARE
OF PROPOSAL FOR FORMTION OF ARAB FORCE AND THAT THIS SUBJECT
WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE.
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